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Update on Mississippi River Oil Spill

New Orleans- Efforts to contain and clean up the nearly 420,000 gallons of oil spilled in the lower Mississippi River continue Friday.

The following is the latest information:

- More than 11,000 gallons of an oil water mix has been recovered to date.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has approximately 80 personnel, one helicopter, two 25-foot boats, one 26-foot boat, two 41-foot boats and an 87-foot patrol boat assigned to the response.
- More than 480 responders from four oil spill response organizations are currently deployed throughout the region affected by the spill.
- The responders are using 47 work boats, a large twin-engine response vessel, one barge and skimmers to clean up the spill.
- Approximately 70,000-feet of boom is deployed.
- All water intakes at risk have been protected by oil deflection boom.
- A plan to salvage the barge and tug boat is being assessed.
- Approximately 100 vessels are currently waiting to transit the river.

*Approximately 50 vessels are expected to arrive in the area throughout Sunday.

The Unified Command is working diligently to ensure personal safety, to expedite pollution mitigation efforts and to resume commercial traffic as soon as practically possible.

An incident website has been established at www.NewOrleansoilspill.com

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